

## **In the Words of Those Who Know and Work with Dr. Alvy**

Dr. Alvy has identified solutions to a variety of significant social problems. He has advanced human justice by ensuring that those services are meaningful and applicable to populations that have faced chronic injustices in our society. He has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to meeting community needs.

Dr. Edward Zigler  
Sterling Professor of Psychology  
Yale University

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Dr. Alvy's career has been devoted to preventing serious social problems such as: child abuse, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, and school failure by creatively addressing parenting issues. To accomplish all of this required the creation of an organizational structure with the capacity to advance the large-scale provision of unique preventive services for parents.

Dr. Alvy created an institution through which all of these programs and tools could be developed, tested and disseminated, the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring. This nonprofit, public benefit organization has grown to be one of the largest, most productive and most influential parenting and parenting education organizations in the nation.

Dr. W. Rodney Hammond  
Director, Division of Violence Prevention  
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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It is probably that the interest in parent education today would be much less had it not been for Dr. Alvy's leadership and perseverance over the last thirty years.

In short, Dr. Alvy has been a pioneer in the field of parent education for more than three decades. He is regarded as a sincerely dedicated individual of the highest integrity and commitment by his colleagues and has made numerous contributions to every corner of the field of parent education from authorship to policy advising.

His leadership has been vital in moving the entire field of parent education forward. In fact, to borrow a phrase from professional sports that is reserved for superstars, "he makes everyone around him play better."

Dr. Michael H. Popkin, President  
Active Parenting Publishers

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Dr. Alvy's contributions to child development and parenting education are evident through his vast contributions in psychology. Scholarly research and writing, materials development, training and the institutionalization of parenting education through the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring.

Brenda A. Leath  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Consortium for African American Children

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Outstanding among Dr. Alvy's creation are the culturally sensitive tools that teach cognitive-behavioral skill-building to African Americans (The Effective Black Parenting Program) and to Latino Americans (The Los Niños Bien Educados Program). These programs teach effective child management skills and strategies while respecting and honoring the traditions and histories of the parents.

Dr. Somsri Khalid  
Director of Program Development  
Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers

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Effectively connecting parents with research-based knowledge and culturally functional resources has been Dr. Alvy's life work. Over two million families of every economic, social and ethnic sector have been empowered by his work to better parent their children and so secure and enrich the quality of life in America.

Joe H. Leonard, Director  
Family Ministries and Human Sexuality  
National Council on the Churches of Christ in the USA

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Dr. Alvy's vision, dedication and passion for helping children with special needs has been truly inspiring.

Dr. Clare Rose, President  
Evaluation and Training Institute

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I am consistently impressed with his seriousness of purpose, enthusiasm for innovation, values, and integrity.

Dr. Jerome Seliger, Professor  
Department of Health Sciences  
California State University, Northridge

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I firmly believe that Dr. Alvy's commitment to enhance effective childrearing stems from his passion to make the world a better place.

Dr. Scott W. Plunkett  
Family Environmental Sciences Department  
California State University, Northridge

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Dr. Alvy has inspired thousands of parent educators around the world to help parents improve childrearing skills. His book, Parent Training Today, serves as basic reading for parent involvement specialists.

Dr. Thomas Baker  
Executive Director  
Family-School-Community Partnerships

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Dr. Alvy's innovative strategy of training indigenous professionals to teach groups of parents to improve their methods of child rearing has made major contributions to ameliorating a wide range of America's social problems, including child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency and substance abuse. He is a tireless advocate for America's children.

Dr. Richard R. Kopp  
Professor  
Alliant University International

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Dr. Alvy has shown an unwavering dedication and commitment to his vision of making parenting programs widely available to all segments of the population in order to promote and ensure the healthy development of children. His genuine passion and caring for the welfare of children has been the guiding compass for both his professional and personal life.

Above all, Dr. Alvy has been an incredible father, husband and human being.

Dr. Gail Schaper-Gordon

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Dr. Alvy was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the University at Albany...for his energy, inventiveness and steadfast commitment to his mission to improve the lives of young people.

Dr. Morris E. Eson  
Professor (Emeritus) Psychology  
University at Albany

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In teaching the Effective Black Parenting Program, I recall the light in the eyes of my parents at about the sixth week of the program when many of them began to report that their children sought them out to demonstrate that they had completed their chores because the children loved being praised. It was then that I knew we had something.

I also saw the insight sweep over a few of the grandparents as they could recall their grandparents, who were slaves, spanking their children and passing that tradition as a mechanism of protecting their children from the harsher consequences of an oppressive society. These experiences reached a crescendo at the graduation ceremony of the parents who reported that their family lives had been changed. One parent turned to Dr. Alvy and said, "I'm glad someone listened to our children's cries."

Dr. Bryan K. Nichols

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What has always struck me as the most impressive quality of Dr. Alvy, even more than his ability to address difficult situations with new approaches, is his unique ability to simply get things done.

Dr. Alvy has the rare gift of envisioning workable solutions and then seeing them through. His long list of accomplishments certainly bears this out.

A. Sidney Johnson III  
President and CEO  
Prevent Child Abuse America

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In his 1975 American Psychologist article, Kerby Alvy urged high schools to provide course for all teenagers that would prepare them for the responsibilities of parenthood. He saw then how important such a measure is for the health of our society. We obviously have a great distance to go before we can claim as a culture to take seriously the training of the next generation of parents. But no one I know has done more to move us toward that crucial goal than Kerby Alvy.

For more than three decades, I have watched with admiration and gratitude his creative, tireless and nationally acclaimed work on behalf of the children and families of America.

Dr. Thomas Lickona  
Professor, Education  
New York State University College at Cortland

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After more than twenty years on the Board of CICC my admiration for Dr. Alvy for his pioneering vision and efforts to make his vision a reality has continued to grow.

Dr. Alvy's legacy, his true contribution to public interest, has already taken shape in the model he has created that can form the basis for a movement in advancing the cause of improved parenting in this country, and perhaps eventually worldwide.

Marshall Lumsden

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Dr. Alvy's persistence in discovering creative ways to face the challenge of a changing society is simply unparalleled.

Dr. William S. Epps  
Senior Pastor  
Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles

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Dr. Alvy's unique contribution to the field of parent education has been his dedication to helping African and Latino American parents through writings and techniques that build upon their cultural traditions and values.

Dr. Jack C. Westman  
Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry  
University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Medical School

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Dr. Alvy's unparalleled commitment to ameliorating the various social ills and injustices of our time can be seen through the many programs he has developed and the awards he has received throughout his illustrious career. One only has to look at his 30-page resume to see just how much he has accomplished throughout his lifetime.

However, it isn't just the resume and rewards that motivate the staff; it is Dr. Alvy himself and his tireless dedication to get up every morning and work toward bringing change to the world through the many different programs he has established that we are all privileged to partner with him in.

The motivation behind Dr. Alvy's extensive humanitarian efforts is perhaps best exemplified in the way he approached his recovery from cancer in 1996. As most anyone who has undergone treatments for a life threatening illness can attest, the experience of being helpless is one of the most difficult aspects of the disease. For some people it is the defining moment of their lives. Many people succumb to the helplessness and believe their life is over.

However, even cancer didn't stop Dr. Alvy from giving to the world. In fact, it solidified his intent and purpose for being. As he told me, "I realized at that moment that if I wasn't helping others I wasn't myself. I wasn't Kerby." From that day on throughout his recovery from cancer he set about finding ways to help the nurses, technicians and all of those who were there to help him. He has continued with the same passion ever since.

Wendy Hill Williams, M.A., M.F.T.

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It has been my pleasure to work with Kerby Alvy over the years on a variety of projects and each time I marvel at the level of dedication and enthusiasm he brings to the table. His dedication to the cause of improving the state of child care in our country is unparalleled and I applaud his efforts as do all of those whose lives he has touched.

David Katzner, President  
The National Parenting Center

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As much as anyone I know, Dr. Alvy has distinguished himself as a “renaissance man for American families.” As a result of his unique set of skills, many American families have enjoyed greater success at child rearing, and more satisfaction with their behaviors as parents, students, spouses, breadwinners and citizens. With his work, Dr. Alvy has single-handedly done an inordinate amount to cultivate and enrich the moral fiber of hundreds of communities across the country.

Dr. Reginald Clark  
Department of Child and Family Studies  
California State University, Los Angeles

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I am of African American decent and I have been involved in the child welfare field for 27 years. Dr. Alvy has identified issues directly connected to slavery that affects African American parenting attitudes and behaviors. African American parents have recognized for years that for their children there are special dangers in this society. In an effort to keep their children safe from these race-related dangers, African American parents have sometimes used methods that are harmful to their children.

Further, Dr. Alvy has identified concerns specific to African Americans that must be addressed before a positive outcome for children can be achieved. The Effective Black Parenting Program provides alternatives and builds parenting skills while keeping children safe. Dr. Alvy’s recognition and acknowledgement of racism speaks to and affirms the African American community.

Dorothy Channel  
Los Angeles County Department of  
Children and Family Services

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In developing the CICC Discovery Tool and Referral System, I believe Dr. Alvy has identified and provided a solution for the significant social problem of having a child with special needs, while promoting unusual initiative and dedication in activities meeting community needs. He is a shining light, providing a tool for assisting families to identify delays and then providing assistance, support and referral sources that enable families to access services for their children.

Dr. Elaine Fogel-Schneider  
Founder and Executive Director  
Community Therapies and Baby Steps

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Dr. Alvy has made a difference in the way child care is delivered in the Los Angeles County, and the difference is felt most strongly by what I believe he sees as his “true constituents,” the underserved minorities within the county. Using the model he has developed in Los Angeles, he is now serving this population across the nation, with training program that emphasize the need to be aware of cultural differences in caring for children. He is one of the few leading professionals to retain an unshakable commitment to underserved children.

Catherine Tracy  
Vice President  
MAXIMUS, Inc.

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Dr. Alvy has been an inspiration and guiding force of the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring and a tireless champion on behalf of parents of every ethnic, racial and religious background. He has consistently created training opportunities that have improved the emotional well being of children, provided parents with the tools they need to guide, direct and teach their children to be contributing members of our society and to enhance their own self-esteem and sense of personal worth.

Tens of thousands of parents and the lives of their children have been improved through the inspired work of Dr. Alvy. He has been a life-line for parents in need, a source of strength and support for parents who struggle with the challenges of special children, and a forceful and courageous advocate in the halls of power at every level of government on behalf of children and parents.

Dr. Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben  
Kehillat Israel

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Dr. Alvy has been an aggressive leader in prevention. He lets nothing stop him or get in his way. He maintains his focus on the parents of children of all ages and coming from all cultures, ethnicities and socioeconomic classes.

Virginia L. Mason  
President and CEO  
Family Support America

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I applaud Dr. Alvy for all the efforts he has exerted in making parenting a proactive and more central theme in American society. His drive and emphasis on effective parenting will have far reaching effects in making society better.

Ida Collier  
Parent Consultant/Trainer  
Center for Effective Parenting

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Dr. Alvy is a true pioneer in understanding and appreciating the critical and crucial role of parenting on the development of children and most importantly has made concrete and informed efforts to influence these processes. He has truly made a difference in how we treat our children and improved the quality of their development.

Dr. Michael Newcomb, Professor  
Division of Counseling Psychology  
University of Southern California

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From the moment I met Dr. Kerby T. Alvy, I have been impressed with his tireless commitment to make the world a better place for effectively caring for our youth. As a licensed mental health provider, I understand the career options available to a professional in our field. Dr. Alvy's career choice to serve children reveals his humanitarian commitment to improve our society. Dr. Alvy is a practical visionary.

Scott F. Williams, M.A., M.F.T.  
Department of Family Environmental Sciences  
California State University, Northridge

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I have worked with Dr. Alvy since 1979 and seen his "baby," the Center for the Improvement of Child Caring, grow from a small struggling organization to a major source of information, research and expertise on parenting and childrearing. Dr. Alvy is truly one of the giants in these areas.

Dr. Larry D. Rosen, Professor  
Department of Psychology  
California State University, Dominguez Hills

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